

who are enrolled in the Album of the Theological College, as students for the ministerial office in this Church, shall have previously passed through an undergraduate course at some chartered university.

"2. That all such as have passed through such a course shall, before they are enrolled, pass an examination before the Presbytery within the bounds of which they reside; but where any party resides beyond the bounds of any of the Presbyteries of the Church, that he pass such an examination before the Presbytery of London; that a certificate of having passed through such examination must be produced before he be enrolled; and that it be an instruction to Presbyteries further to examine the students upon the doctrinal standards of the Church.

"3. That although in present circumstances it be not declared indispensable that every candidate for admission shall have passed through such undergraduate course, yet it be required as the minimum of qualification essential to admission (1) that the candidate be able to read in Greek the New Testament, Xenophon's Anabasis and in Latin the Odes of Horace, and the first five books of Livy, and pass an examination on these books *ad aperturam libri*; and (2) that he have studied logic, mathematics (viz., the first six books of Euclid, plain trigonometry, and algebra, as far as quadratic equations), and pass an examination in these sciences.

"4. That every student who has not studied metaphysics and moral philosophy shall, before he is enrolled as a student of the second year, pass an examination in these sciences.

"5. That every student who has not studied natural philosophy, must, before he be enrolled as a student of the third year, pass an examination in that science.

"6. That the Senatus, assisted by a Committee of the Presbytery of London, and such others as they may call in as assessors, shall be the examiners upon the subjects prescribed under regulations 3, 4, and 5, hereinbefore contained; and that such examinations shall commence in the College rooms, on the 10th day of October, at 12 o'clock noon, in each year.

"7. That Presbyteries be instructed to superintend the studies of such students as reside within their bounds during the summer vacation, and to furnish certificates that the students have passed examination upon the subjects prescribed by the Presbytery, which certificate must be produced before the student is enrolled for the succeeding session.

"8. That as erudition without personal piety can never qualify for the ministry, each student must, as an attestation of his personal religion, before he is enrolled, produce to the Senatus a certificate of Church membership, and a Presbyterial letter bearing favourable testimony to his personal piety.

"9. That considering the importance of a learned and godly ministry, it be a special instruction to the Senatus and to Presbyteries to see to the stringent observance of the foregoing regulations, so that, by the blessing of God, our students may become able ministers of the New Testament, who can, from the stores of their own experience and knowledge, bring forth things new and old, shut the mouths of gainsayers, and edify the body of Christ, which is the Church."

The following are excellent specimens of the Legislation of this Synod—and may afford useful suggestions for our own guidance. The first is the Barrier Act of the English Synod adopted at their last meeting—the second, an act defining the powers of the Commission of Synod:—

"Whereas it is of the last importance that all laws proposed regarding matters of doctrine, discipline, government, or worship, should, before they are finally enacted, receive the patient and prayerful consideration of the Church; and, whereas it is manifestly impossible that such consideration can be given during the session of one meeting of Synod, it is therefore hereby humbly overtured to the reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England by the Presbytery of London—

"1. That every overture requiring an innovation to be made in the constitution of the Church in matters of doctrine, discipline, government, or

worship, sent up to the Synod, shall, before it be passed into a standing law, first be sent down as an overture to all the Presbyteries of the Church, and receive the approbation of such Presbyteries, or the major part of them; that such approbation be given by each Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof; that notice shall be given at the meeting of Presbytery immediately preceding that such overture is to be taken up at the meeting next following, and that the decision of Presbyteries be recorded in their minutes; and an extract thereof sent to the Clerk of Synod before its next meeting.

"2. That the Synod, however, if it see cause, may pass such overture into an *Interim* Act, which shall possess the force of law, aye, and until the Presbyteries have, as herein required, expressed their judgment upon it.

"3. That each Presbytery shall, at an early meeting after the meeting of Synod, appoint a Committee of their own number, consisting of not fewer than two ministers and one elder, to whom such overture may be committed, with instructions to examine the same carefully, and to report thereafter to as early a meeting as they conveniently can; notice of such report to be given at the ordinary meeting of Presbytery immediately preceding the meeting at which it is to be received and discussed.

"4. That when a major part of the Presbyteries have, as hereinbefore required, expressed their approbation, the Synod may pass such overture into a law.

"5. That when a major part of the Presbyteries have, as hereinbefore required, expressed their disapprobation, then the Synod may reject such overture."

"Which motion having been seconded, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to transmit said overture."

"Whereas doubts have been felt regarding the constitution and powers of the Commission of Synod, and whereas it is most desirable that the constitution and powers of the Commission should be determined and made known, for the satisfaction and guidance of all parties, it is, therefore, hereby humbly overtured to the very reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, by the Presbytery of London, to enact the following resolution into a law of this Church:—

"1. The Commission of Synod shall meet on the first Wednesday of October in each year, at twelve o'clock noon, in such place as the Synod may from time to time appoint; but the Moderator of the last preceding meeting of Synod, or failing him, by death, removal, or otherwise, the Moderator of the last preceding meeting of Synod, (who is still a Minister of the Church,) is empowered, on the requisition of a Presbytery, to convene a meeting, *pro re nata*, at such time and place as to him may seem meet.

"2. The Commission are empowered and appointed to take care that what is enacted and ordered by this and preceding Synods be duly observed by all concerned.

"3. The Commission are empowered to give advice and assistance to any Presbytery in difficult cases, as they shall be applied unto by them for that effect.

"4. The Commission are empowered to cognosce and finally to determine, as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them, by any act or order of the Synod, and to do every thing contained in and conformable to the instructions given them by the Synod.

"5. The Commission are to give special care that the interests of this Church shall not suffer or sustain any damage or prejudice which they can in any manner prevent, as they will be answerable; provided always that this clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Presbyteries, regarding which their counsel has not by such Presbyteries been desired.

"6. In the management of their business the Commission are enjoined to adhere to the forms and order of business observed in the Synod, in so far as the difference in the constitution of the two Courts may permit.

"7. The Commission, in all their acts and proceedings, are to regard themselves accountable to, and censurable by, the next Synod; and are, therefore, required to bring up their records for confirmation or otherwise, as the Synod may see cause.

"8. The Commission are empowered to admit, or authorize Presbyteries to admit, Ministers or Probationers of other Churches, according to the rules of the Church; but are strictly inhibited, in this or any other matter, from violating or dispensing with any of the rules or laws of the Church.

"9. It is a special instruction to the Commission to enquire into the condition of the schemes of the Church—the mode in which they are worked and managed—their receipts and disbursements—and to do what in their lies to promote the efficiency of the same. And in order to this, the Commissioners appointed to superintend such schemes are enjoined to make *interim* reports to the annual meeting of Commission of their receipts and disbursements, and the general condition of such schemes. Presbyteries also are required to transmit to the Commission a report of the state of the Congregational Associations within their bounds, and to receive instructions from the Commission thereanent."

"Which motion having been seconded, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to transmit the said overture."

We can only farther state that the Synod have wisely set on foot a scheme for the establishment of Schools, in connexion with these several congregations under their care, and that they are not overlooking the claims of Foreign Missions—having already established a missionary at Corfu and undertaken a mission to China, to commence which they are anxiously looking out for a missionary of suitable qualifications.

MISSIONARY SYNOD.—The Missionary Presbyterian Synod in Canada, in connexion with the United Secession Church in Scotland, held its annual meeting on the 8th July, at Hamilton, C. W. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, and an appropriate sermon, by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, former Moderator. The text was in Col. i. 28, "Whom (Christ) we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." After sermon, &c., the Synod was constituted by Mr. Kennedy, and the roll of members made up, of whom there was a full attendance from both the West and East of the Province. The Rev. Wm. Fraser, of West Gwillimbury, was chosen to be Moderator on the present occasion, and took the Chair. Great importance and interest was connected with this convening of the Synod, by Providence so ordering that a deputation from the United Secession Synod in Scotland was present at all its sittings. The deputation consisted of the Rev. R. Paterson, Kirkwall; the Rev. J. Robertson, Edinburgh; and David Anderson, Esq., Glasgow. This deputation has been sent out from Scotland to visit the four Presbyteries, of which the Synod is now composed, and the congregations under their care; that the deputation may ascertain their state and prosperity; give them direction and encouragement; at the same time learn as much as possible of the moral and spiritual condition of the various districts in the Province, and carry home a detailed report to the United Secession Synod, which is to meet in October next. This is the first visit of the kind given to the Synod's Mission in Canada; and it was time, and more than time, that the visit should take place. The Mission has now been fourteen years in existence and operation; its present number of ministers is 26; and, had the Synod in Scotland taken this step at an earlier period, and followed it up by a reinforcement of ministers somewhat proportioned to the pressing exigency and demand for them, there can be no doubt that the amount of organised and prospering congregations of this day would have been at least double what they are. The presence of the highly-esteemed deputation; their fraternal addresses and counsels; and the delightful reciprocation of Christian feeling on both sides, imparted a peculiar zest of enjoyment to the meetings; and it is to be hoped that, through the Divine blessing, a new impulse has been given to the minds of the brethren, and also to their congregations, by the local interviews with the deputation; so that, by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, much good fruit and benefit will result. A large share of the